

Our Learning Journey this term in Discovery Room

Written by the Year 5 & 6 children

Hollow with an echo, the brand new smell of the renovated classroom.



During the holidays our classroom was renovated, we have new carpet, new benchtops, lino to the cloakbay, furry walls, new cupboards and a repaint. It is dark blue like the night sky, with a light greyish brown paint and a feature of maroon on the front of the cupboards.

When we arrived back this year our class was completely different, it had taped lines all over the floor. Some of us thought the tape was roads and the big area was a carpark. The big area became our park.

First we thought it was where we were going to put everything but it was a section and we were going to have to build our cardboard houses on it. We made letterboxes out of cardboard to receive and send our mail. Mr Haddock dressed up as Mr Letterman and delivered all of our mail.



While this was going on, our classroom needed fixing up by the real builders, painters and carpet layers. They had to come back and fix up their mistakes they had made during the renovation.



We all got different amounts of money in our letterboxes and we had an auction to purchase our sections. The highest price was \$790,000 and the cheapest was \$50,000.

We got official forms to apply for a Building permit, saying if you wanted any extra doors or windows for your houses you would need to send it to Mr

Haddock. It had to be approved before you could start to build.

We've had to put a Tender slip with an amount of money that we wanted to pay for a cardboard box from Shad's Builders Yard.



We used a rubric to guide us when we were building our houses in the sections. It gave us advice and guidelines of what we needed to do.

Four of us had to be evacuated from our properties because of a fault line through all of our sections. It caused us to become angry and quite distressed.

We have been learning about "what a community is". We all went into Morrinsville on Our Big Day Out to the College Pool, the Library, the Police Station and to interview a variety of people and ask what there definition of a community was, what they did, how did there job help the community.



Who knows what will be happening next...